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IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTELS, FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR TRANSMISSION TO MRS.
WEIDENFELD AND MR. CAVANEY AT THE WHITE HOUSE:

RUTH ELIZABETH BUCHANAN. MRS. BUCHANAN, WIFE OF THE
AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES TO AUSTRIA, WAS BORN AT
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, ON FEBRUARY 22, 1918. HER PARENTS
WERE WILLIAM J. AND HELEN DOW HALE, OF MIDLAND, MICHIGAN.

MRS. BUCHANAN ATTENDED THE POTOMAC SCHOOL AND THE
HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND CONNECTICUT
COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, FROM WHICH SHE RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE IN SOCIOLOGY IN 1939. SHE WAS MARRIED IN 1940
TO WILEY T. BUCHANAN, JR., OF WASHINGTON, D.C., AND TEXAS.

MRS. BUCHANAN ACCOMPANIED HER HUSBAND TO LUXEMBOURG
IN 1953, WHERE HE SERVED AS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR. WHILE
IN LUXEMBOURG, MRS. BUCHANAN STUDIED PAINTING. SHE CONTINUED HER
WORK IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SPECIALIZING IN MINIATURE OILS. HER
PAINTINGS HAVE BEEN EXHIBITED AT THE WASHINGTON GALLERY OF ART.

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MRS. BUCHANAN IS ALSO AN AVID GARDENER AND FLOWER ARRANGER.

HER EXHIBITS HAVE WON SEVERAL PRIZES AT THE NATIONAL FLOWER SHOW AT WASHINGTON, D.C. WHE SERVED IN WASHINGTON ON THE BOARDS OF THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN AND THE CORCORAN ART GALLERY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL. IN 1969 SHE WAS APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE OF THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS BY PRESIDENT NIXON.

AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BUCHANAN HAVE THREE CHILDREN, BONNIE (MRS. CHARLES MATHESON), OF THE PLAINS, VIRGINIA; DIANE (MRS. JOHN TRAINA) OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA; AND WILEY T. BUCHANAN III, OF MARSHALL, VIRGINIA. THEY HAVE SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. BUCHANAN

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